

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA- 578

Goode's Choice

17625 Falls Road

Upperco, Baltimore County

1859

Private

Constructed in 1859 by Casper Millender, Goode's Choice is representative of the many stone dwellings erected throughout Baltimore County in the mid-19th century. The building features modest Greek Revival style ornament in the form of the side bay articulated with an elaborate door surround and tripartite second story window. According to prior documentation, Casper Millender was a miller and Prussian native who erected the extant dwelling seventeen years after settling on the land. Prior to the construction of Goode's Choice, Millender resided in an earlier building in nearly the same location. This dwelling appears on Millender's property in the 1850 county atlas. Millender remained on the property through the 1870s. The property is unlabeled on the 1915 county atlas. It is presently unknown at what point the property acquired the name "Goode's Choice." The land surrounding Goode's Choice has remained rural through the late 20th century.

Goode's Choice is a two-and-a-half-story dwelling of solid random rubble stone construction with large roughly cut stone quoins. The building is three bays wide and sits on a raised basement. The side gable roof, which is clad in standing seam metal, features a boxed and molded cornice with gable end returns. The building fronts southeast with one interior end stretcher bond brick chimney with a corbeled cap and one exterior end stretcher bond brick chimney with a stone flue and corbeled brick cap. A full-width four-bay-wide porch dominates the basement and first stories with a shed roof supported by square wood posts and spanned by a molded balustrade. The main entry into the building is located on the first story and features a six-panel single-leaf wood door with three-light sidelights over paneled dado, seven-light transom, and paneled recess and soffit. Above the entry, the second story features a tripartite opening with a 6/6 window flanked by two 2/2 windows. Four 6/6 windows also pierce the first and second stories. A sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door and one 6/6 window pierce the foundation. A one-bay-square German-sided bay is located on the east bay of the foundation. Circa 1950, a one-story addition of stretcher bond brick was constructed on the northwest elevation. Approximately forty years later a one-story wood frame addition clad in German siding was also built on the rear of the house. Six historic dependencies, including five that date to circa 1860 and one that has a circa 1900 date, and a circa 1980 outbuilding are also located on the property.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA- 578

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Goode's Choice

other

2. Location

street and number 17625 Falls Road not for publication

city, town Upperco vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James R. and Joan F. McDonald

street and number 17625 Falls Road telephone Not Available

city, town Upperco state MD zip code 21155

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 8079 folio 492

city, town Towson tax map 15 tax parcel 230 tax ID number 2100009532

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Six historic dependencies and one non-historic outbuilding are also located on the property. Three circa 1860 wood frame structures, located south of the house, are clad in flush vertical board siding and feature asphalt-shingled roofs and random rubble stone foundations. The two-and-a-half-story barn is capped by a side gable roof. The drive-through barn is a two-story structure with a front gable roof. The two-story hay barn also has a front gable roof.

A log smokehouse that dates to circa 1860 is located west of the house. The one-story building features steeple-notched joinery, a random rubble stone foundation, and a front gable roof clad in corrugated sheet metal.

Immediately northwest of the house is a circa 1860 outbuilding that is one story tall with a gable roof clad in corrugated sheet metal and a random rubble stone foundation. The wood frame structural system is clad in flush vertical board siding.

East of the house is a second one-story outbuilding of wood frame construction with a concrete and brick foundation, beaded vertical board siding, and an asphalt-shingled front gable roof. The structure dates to circa 1900.

The circa 1980 animal shelter is a one-and-a-half-story wood frame building clad in wood siding with a front gable roof clad in asphalt shingles.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1859-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1859, 1950 ca., 1990 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

² J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

³ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

⁴ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property One
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Hampstead Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1859, Goode's Choice has been associated with the 91.39 acres of land known as tax parcel 230 of map 15 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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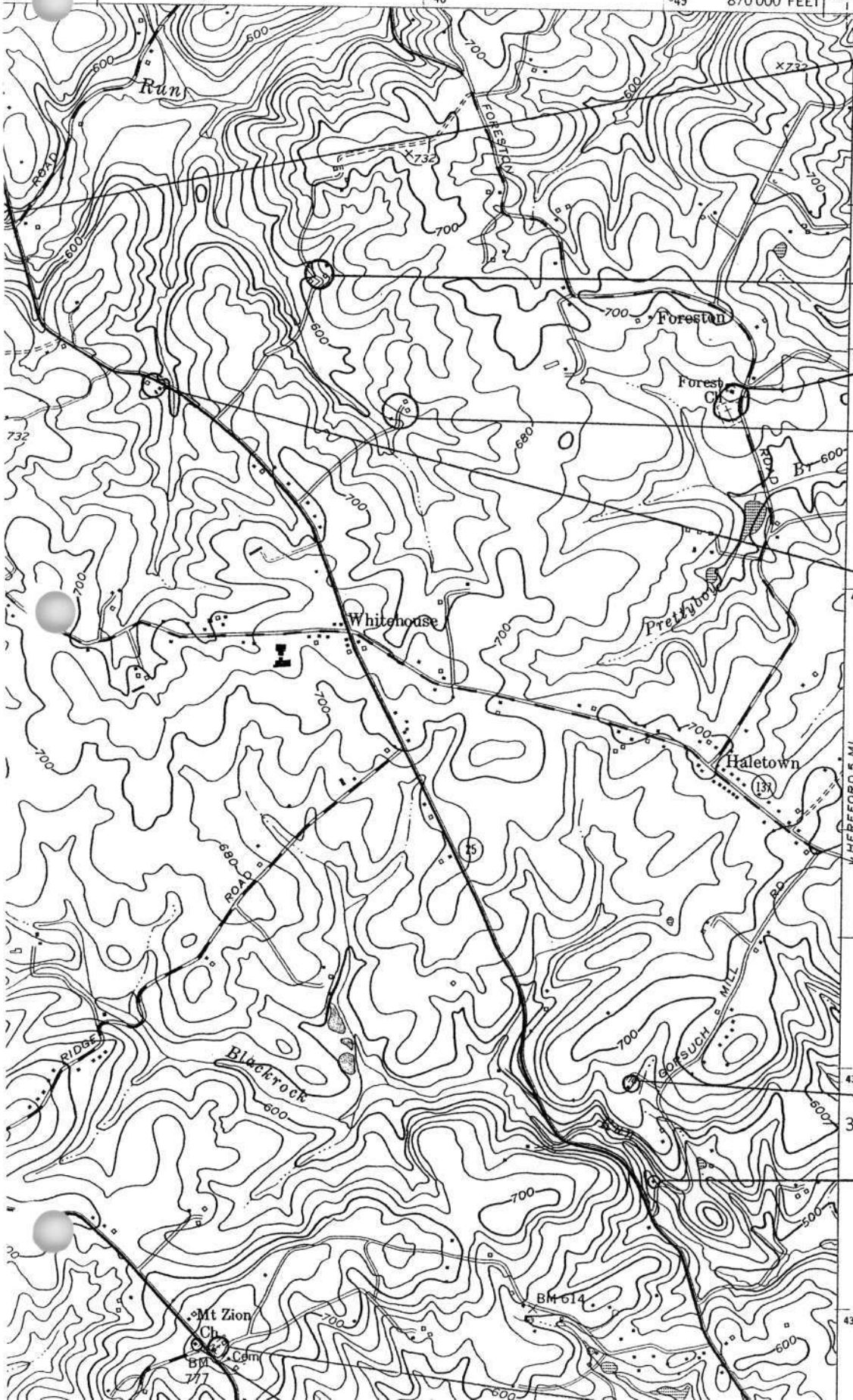
HAMPSTEAD QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5663 II NW
(NEW FREEDOM)

30 347 348 349 870 000 FEET 76°45' 39°37'30"



BA-0476
18000 FALLS ROAD
HAMPSTEAD,
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-578
17625 FALLS ROAD
UPPERLO, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2285
17700 FORESTON ROAD
UPPERLO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0560
DAVID WILHELM HOUSE
17517 FALLS ROAD
UPPERLO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0559
17700 FALLS ROAD
UPPERLO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0558
16758 GORSUCH MILL RD.

BA-0557
16710 GORSUCH MILL ROAD
UPPERLO
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OUTBUILDINGS

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OUTBUILDING

6066

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GOODE'S CHOICE - 1859 - East side of Falls Road, entrance 0.7 mile north of Mount Carmel Road. Built in 1859 by Casper Millender, a miller and native of Prussia who settled on the land about 1842. Stone, three-story vernacular farm house, including high basement. Three bays wide, inside end-chimneys; gable roof. Side-hall plan; ornamental brick lintels over windows; paneled entrance doorway; wood trim on long cornice of full-width porch. Various outbuildings including log

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smoke house and a drive-through barn with corn crib. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Hebb, Jr.